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I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT, BOSS! WE'RE FREE...!
FOOD
BAR
ACE TRUCKING
I BELIEVE DA EXPENSIVE LAWYER, RHINO! DAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO GET AN APPEAL UPHELD IN THIS CITY.
"OVER-TURNED ON A TECHNICALITY"... MUSIC TO MY SHELL-LIKE LOSES.
CONDEMNED
HEY--!
WHAT DA HELL'S HAPPENED TO MY CLUG?
WHAT'S DA GIG IDEA, GRUTE? I LEFT YOU IN CHARGE. WHAT'S GOING ON?
TIMES AIN'T BEEN EASY, SCARFACE--
TELL ME AGOUT IT! I GEEN IN JAIL DA LAST YEAR!
WHERE'S DA GOYS? I THOUGHT DIS WAS SUPPOSED TA GE A CELEGRATION PARTY...?
UHH... INSIDE, BOSS!
KLUK
GEE, BRUTE, WHAT A MESS! YA AIN'T KEPT IT VERY NICE!
DIS IS SACRILEGE!
CONDEMNED
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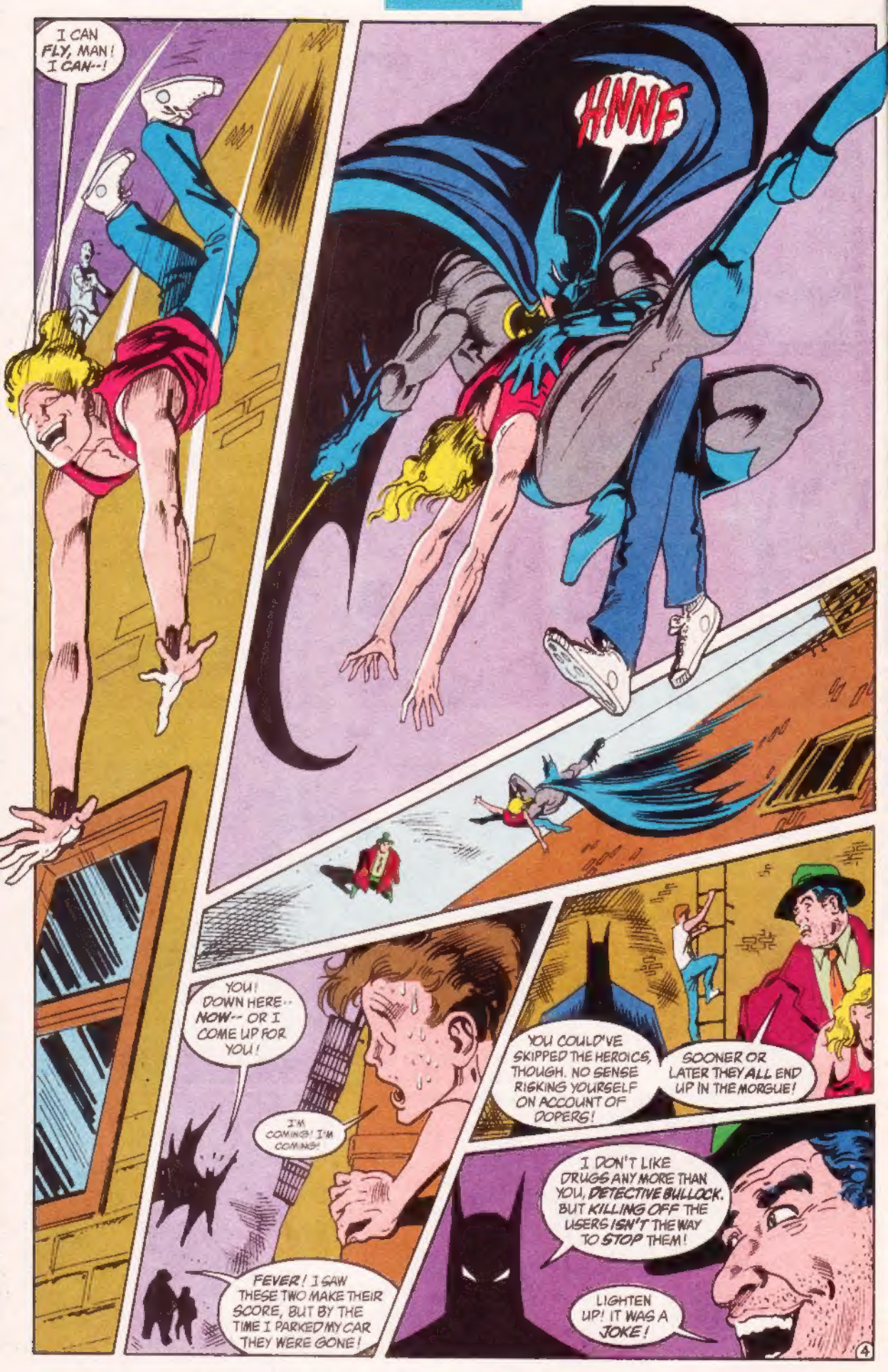
AIN'T IT TYPICAL! I CAN'T GE AWAY FOR FIVE MINUTES WITHOUT EVERYTHIN' FALLIN' TA GITS!
SOMEGODY'S GONNA PAY FOR THIS! HEADS IS GONNA ROLL! I'LL PERSONALLY--
AW, SHUT YER STUPID WOODEN FACE!
HUH? WHO SAID DAT?
SHOW YERSELF, GEANHEAD!
YOUR BOYS COULDN'T MAKE IT, SCARFACE. WE'RE HOSTIN' THE PARTY INSTEAD--
--YOUR RETIREMENT BASH--OR SHOULD I SAY GASH!
CAREFUL, JOEY--!
NO SWEAT, MAN!
WHAT'S IT MATTER IF WE FALL? WE CAN JUST FLY!
THERE THEY ARE--!
YOU TWO! GET DOWN OFF THAT ROOF!
JOEY-- LOOK OUT!
POLICE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!


I CAN FLY, MAN! I CAN--!
HNNF
YOU! DOWN HERE-- NOW-- OR I COME UP FOR YOU!
I'M COMING! I'M COMING!
FEVER! I SAW THESE TWO MAKE THEIR SCORE, BUT BY THE TIME I PARKED MY CAR THEY WERE GONE!
YOU COULD'VE SKIPPED THE HEROICS, THOUGH. NO SENSE RISKING YOURSELF ON ACCOUNT OF DOPERS!
SOONER OR LATER THEY ALL END UP IN THE MORGUE!
I DON'T LIKE DRUGS ANY MORE THAN YOU, DETECTIVE BULLOCK. BUT KILLING OFF THE USERS ISN'T THE WAY TO STOP THEM!
LIGHTEN UP! IT WAS A JOKE!

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR JOKES. I'M LATE AS IT IS!
JUST MAKE SURE THESE BOYS ARRIVE AT H.Q. IN ONE PIECE!
ZWEEEEEEEEE
PAF
TRAITOR!
YA SOLD US OUT! I--
NOW AIN'T DA TIME, RHINO!
WMP!
KRAK!
DUMMY AIN'T AS DUMB AS IT LOOKS, MAN!
ET TU, GRUTE, EH?
I...I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, SCARFACE. THEY'D HAVE KILLED ME IF I DIDN'T THROW IN WITH 'EM!
HE SAW SENSE, VENTRILOQUIST. AN' IF YOU GOT ANY BRAINS--
TALK TA ME! I'M DA GOSS OF THIS OUTFIT! HE'S JUST HIRED HELP!
AWRIGHT, BLOCKHEAD! GET THIS--
--THE DAY OF THE MUSTACHE PETES IS OVER! 'S TIME YOU THROWBACK OLD HOODLUMS RETIRED!
AN' TO HELP YOU MAKE THE DECISION--THE STREET DEMONZ HAS TAKEN OVER YOUR TURF!
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WHY, YA GEARDED LITTLE RAT!
SLAP
NOBODY MUSCLES IN ON MY RACKETS! YER DEAD MEAT -- ALLA YA! GEEFSTEAK!
SHUT UP!
SWAK
YOUR DAY'S OVER, OLD MAN. WE HAVE YOUR DISTRIBUTION -- YOUR SUPPLIES -- YOUR MARKET.
TH-THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I... I'M GOING STRAIGHT NOW, ANYWAY!
WHY, YA YELLOW-BELLIED TURNCOAT! YOU'LL DO NOTHIN' OF DA KIND!
SCARFACE CALLS DA SHOTS ROUND HERE -- AN' I SAY EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE VERMIN GETS RUGGED OUT!
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP!
BWAM!
YA PLUGGED ME! YA DIRTY RAT!
IT'S CONCRETE GOOTS FOR ALL'A YOU! VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE'LL LOOK LIKE A PICNIC --

SHUT THAT FREAKIN' THING UP!
BADAAM
BLAM BOOM
BLAM
BRAM
SPNG
SPAK
CHK
THP
WE GOT SOME MAJOR ACTION COMIN' DOWN--AN' WE DON'T NEED YOU BUTTIN' IN!
GET OUTA TOWN--FAST--OR YOU JOIN THE DUMMY!
:Gulp!:
LET'S GO, AMIGOS!
SKRNCH
VRMM!
VROOM
SCARFACE!
SCARFACE...?
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WHAT HAPPENED? WHO DID THIS?
OH... NOBODY. I WAS JUST...
...HAVING A RETIREMENT PARTY.
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR SENTENCE BEING OVER-TURNED. I CAME TO WARN YOU--
I SAID--I'M RETIRED.
WAKE UP, RHINO!
VENTRILOQUIST! WHAT--?
LATER. COME ON.
BUT--WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE SCARFACE!
IF YOUR BOSS IS TELLING THE TRUTH, YOU WON'T BE NEEDING HIM.
MAYBE NOT. BUT ME AN' SCARFACE GO BACK A LONG WAY. LEAST I CAN DO IS SHOW HIM A LITTLE RESPECT--
--GIVE HIM A DECENT BURIAL!
G.C.P.D.
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COMMISSIONER JAMES W. GORDON
--BRING IN THE STREET DEMONZ FILE, PLEASE?
RIGHT HERE, COMMISSION--
MADRE DE DIOS!
GET DOWN, SIR!
WHAT IN THE NAME--?
MONTOYA--
--NO!
HOPE I DIDN'T STARTLE YOU.
SORRY. DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD COMPANY.
MY NEW ASSISTANT-- RENE MONTOYA. RENE--
THIS IS, AHH... THE BATMAN.
DOES HE ALWAYS COME IN THIS WAY?
AHH... NO. HE'S WORKING WITH ME ON A CASE--THE STREET DEMONZ THING.
I'VE JUST COME FROM THE VENTRILOQUIST CLUB.
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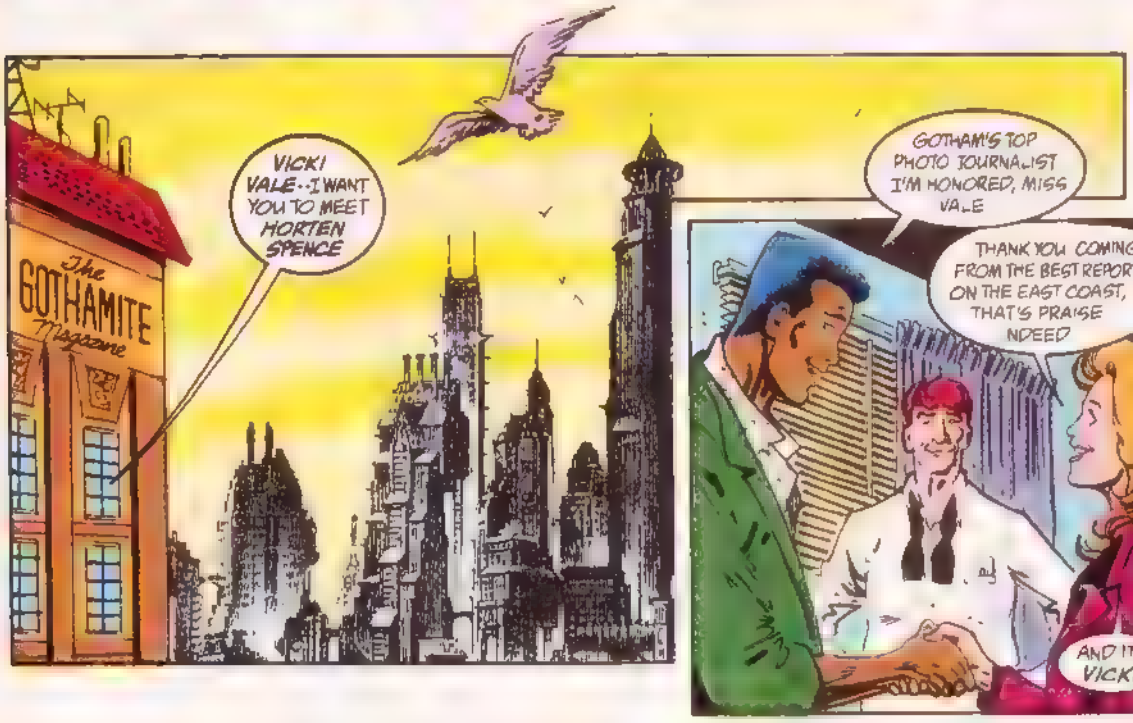
DID YOU WARN HIM OFF?
DIDN'T HAVE TO SOMEBODY--PRESUMABLY STREET DEMONZ--BEAT ME TO T.
THE DUMMY--SCARFACE--IS SHOT TO PIECES AND THE VENTRILOQUIST CLAIMS HE'S RETIRED.
GOOD! HIS GANG'S SCATTERED--HIS SUPPLIERS HAVE MOVED ON--AND THE DEMONZ HAVE TAKEN HIS TERRITORY.
LAST THING WE NEED IS SCARFACE STARTING A GANG WAR!
WE WERE JUST GOING TO RUN THROUGH THE FILES AGAIN--SEE IF THERE'S SOME CLUE YOU--WE--MISSED.
CARE TO JOIN US?
HE ALWAYS LEAVE LIKE THAT, TOO, SIR?


The GOTHAMITE Magazine
VICK! VALE--I WANT YOU TO MEET HORTEN SPENCE
GOTHAM'S TOP PHOTO JOURNALIST I'M HONORED, MISS VALE
THANK YOU COMING FROM THE BEST REPORTER ON THE EAST COAST, THAT'S PRAISE INDEED
AND IT'S VICK!

SO... "WHY THE TITANIC TEAM-UP?", YOU'RE WONDERING
I'LL TELL YOU IN A WORD: DRUGS.
UPPERS -DOWNERS-- BOOZE--GRASS! COKE-- SMACK--ACID--SPEED! CRACK--P.C.P--FEVER!
THIS CITY IS DROWNING IN DRUGS! DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE POLICE--AND OUR OWN DARK KNIGHT VIGILANTE--THE FLOOD GOES ON UNABATED.
I--AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER DECENT CITIZENS--WANT TO KNOW WHY. AND YOU TWO ARE GOING TO TELL US!
YOU GOT 32 PAGES-- EIGHT OF THEM COLOR DROP ALL OTHER ASSIGN-MENTS AS OF NOW!
--NOT ASKING FOR MUCH, IS HE? WHERE THE HECK DO WE BEGIN?
I'VE A FEW IDEAS WE CAN--
GOTHAMITE NEWS
IN A MINUTE! I JUST HAVE TO CANCEL BREAKFAST!
FINE ITALIAN FOOD
FOOD
BAR
HI, BRUCE, DARLING! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I--
THIS IS HORTEN SPENCE, MY NEW PARTNER HORTEN--BRUCE WAYNE.
DELIGHTED, I'M SURE ER..CARE TO JOIN US, MR SPENCE...?
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SORRY, BRUCE--NOT THIS MORNING. MAJOR ASSIGNMENT--AND THE METER'S RUNNING!
Paisano's
FINE ITALIAN FOOD
I'LL CALL YOU!
TO ABSENT FRIENDS!
IT AIN'T RIGHT, VENTRILOQUIST. SCARFACE IS DEAD. YA SHOULDN'T OUGHTA BE PARTYIN'!
HIS DEMISE IS PRECISELY THE REASON, RHINO! NO MORE ORDERING ME AROUND--NO MORE OF HIS INSANE THIRST FOR VIOLENCE!
BANG BANG
A HUGE WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM MY SHOULDERS! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, I FEEL FREE! IT'S LIKE... LIKE BEING BORN AGAIN!
CHEERS!
GLP
I'M TELLIN' YA, BOSS--IT AIN'T RIGHT. SCARFACE WAS A PART OF YOU--
I DON'T CARE! THAT'S ALL OVER! JUST PUT HIM IN THE GOX--I MEAN THE BOX!
SO...SO LONG, SCARFACE! WE HAD SOME TIMES!
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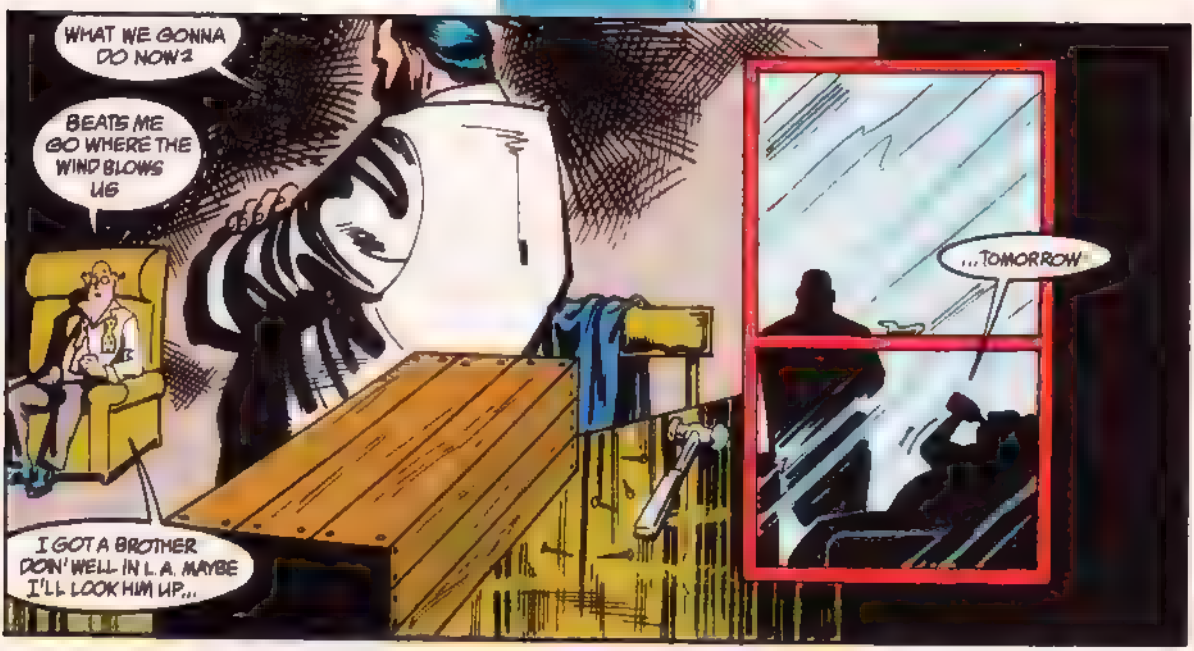
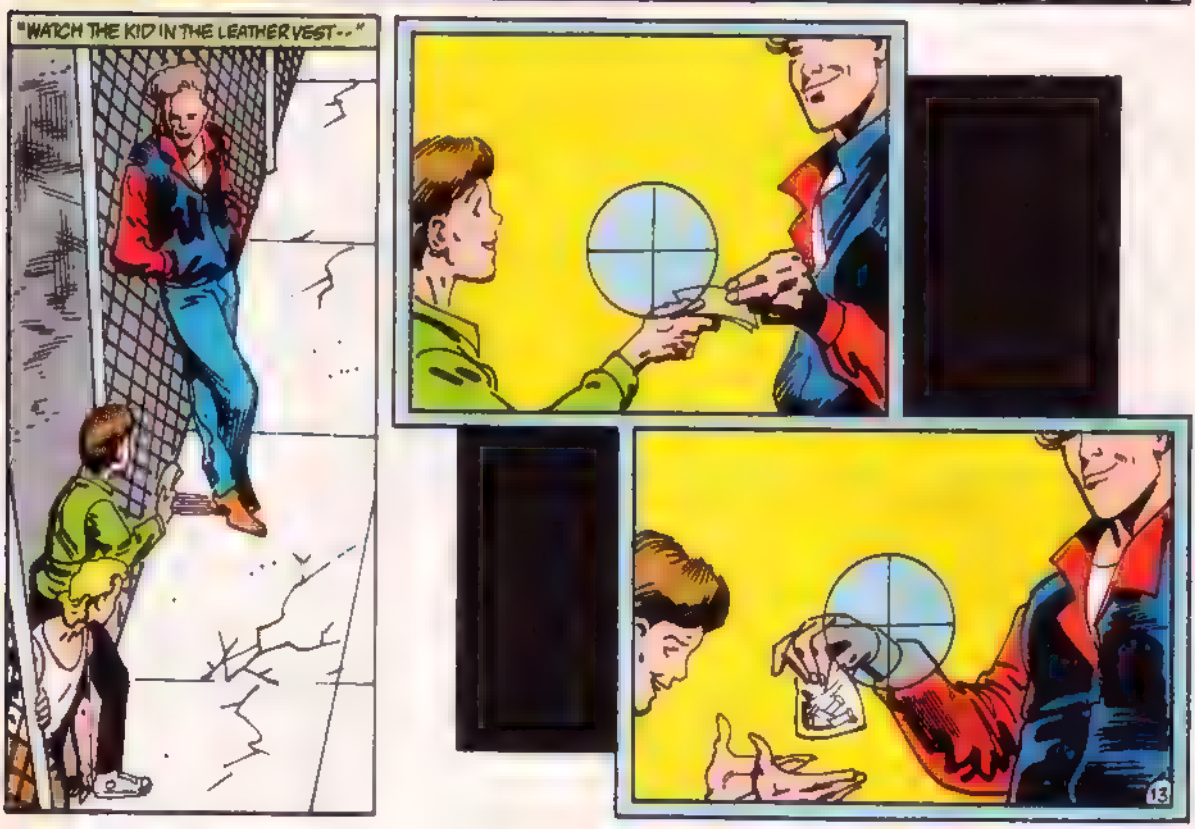

WHAT WE GONNA DO NOW?
BEATS ME GO WHERE THE WIND BLOWS US
I GOT A BROTHER DON' WELL IN L.A. MAYBE I'LL LOOK HIM UP...
...TOMORROW

"LIKE THE ED SAID, DRUGS ARE *EVERY*WHERE. SO WE CAN START *ANY*WHERE!"
"BUT, HORTEN-- A SCHOOL *PLAYGROUND*...?


"WATCH THE KID IN THE LEATHER VEST--"
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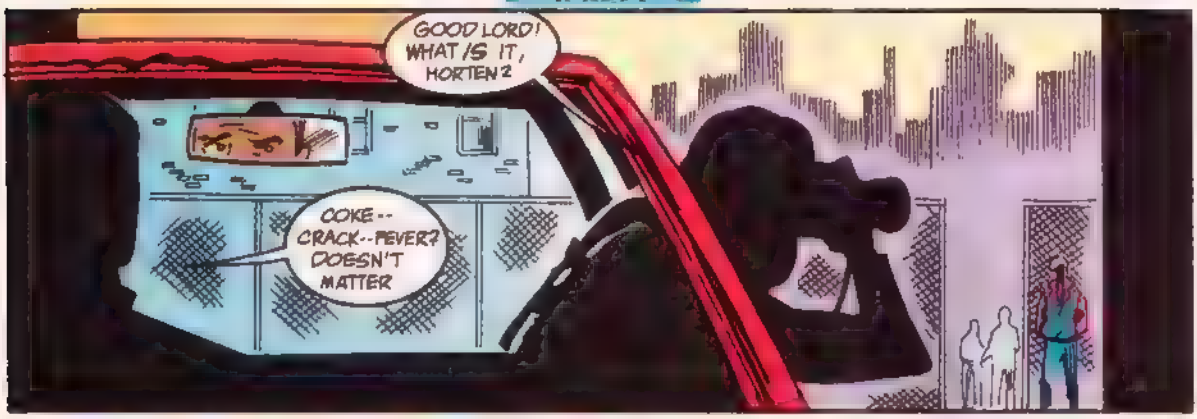
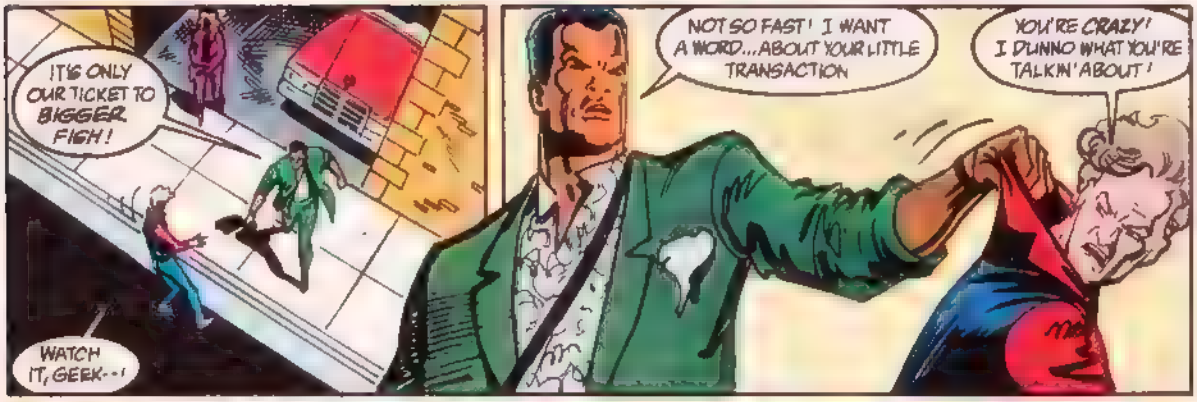
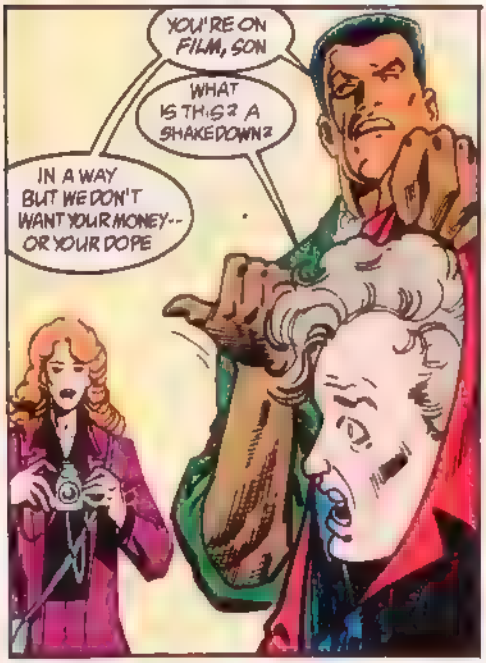
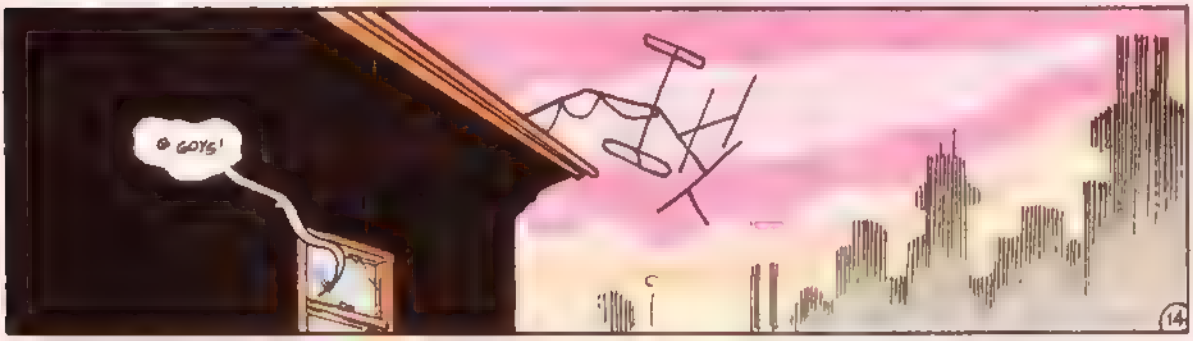

GOOD LORD! WHAT IS IT, HORTEN?
COKE--CRACK--FEVER? DOESN'T MATTER


IT'S ONLY OUR TICKET TO BIGGER FISH!
WATCH IT, GEEK--!
NOT SO FAST! I WANT A WORD...ABOUT YOUR LITTLE TRANSACTION
YOU'RE CRAZY! I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!


YOU'RE ON FILM, SON
WHAT IS THIS? A SHAKEDOWN?
IN A WAY BUT WE DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY--OR YOUR DOPE

JUST A LITTLE... COOPERATION.


@ GOYS!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, VENTRILOQUIST?
HEAR WHAT, OL' BUDDY?
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
SHTOOPID! HE WASH NEVER ALIVE! HE'S A GLOCKA--I MEAN, A BLOCKA WOOD! LEAVE 'IM ALONE!
RHINO, YA GIG LUG WHAT RE YA WAITIN' FOR? GET ME OUTA THIS GOX!
R-RIGHT AWAY, BOSS!
I DON'T--HIC!--NEED YOU SHCARFACE!
OH NO? SO WHADDYA DONE SINCE I GOT SHOT? GOOZE, DAT'S WHAT!
YOU WAS A DRUNKEN STUMBLEGUM BEFORE I MET YA--AN' YA AIN'T CHANGED ONE GIT!
TAKE HIM AWAY! I DON'T WANNA SHEE HIM!
YA'LL SEE ME WHETHER YA LIKE IT OR NOT, GALDY! YOU NEED ME A LOT MORE 'N I NEED YOU!
ENOUGHA THE GULL! WE GOT PLANS TO MAKE! WE GOT RATGAGS TO GUMP OFF!
QUIT THIS GALONEY AN' LET'S GET GACK TO GUSINESS!
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DAT'S GETTER!
LIKE COMIN' HOME, HUH, PARTNER?
I ..I SUPPOSE
RHINO--H T THE SHOPS WE GOTTA GET ME FIXED UP AGAIN!
BUT, BOSS-- I AIN'T GOT NO MONEY!
"SO IMPROVISE, YA GONEHEAD!"
HARDWARE STORE
GREASEGUN-- PACK OF SCREWS-- PLIERS-- CAN OF WH TE PAINT--
YOU SELL CIGARS..?
WHY DO PEOPLE WANT TO GET HIGH?
WHAT MAKES THEM PREY FOR SCARFACE, AND THE DEMONZ AND EVERY TWO-BIT DEALER WHO CAN CHANGE THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS FOR AN HOUR?
OF COURSE, THE ANSWER'S SIMPLE. THEY WANT TO EASE THE PAIN OF EXISTING THE WANT TO ESCAPE
CHAK
PAF
BETTER TO BE ADDICTED TO SOMETHING--ANYTHING-- THAN FACE THE BLEAK REALITIES OF LIFE!

--THINK HE'LL COME?
HE'LL SHOW--IF ONLY TO GET THOSE PHOTOS. BESIDES, I PROMISED HIM--NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT. WE ONLY WANT HIS
BAR
HI! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT
YOU WON'T BE, SUCKER!
KENDO! BAD GAM!
YOU'RE MESSIN' WHERE YOU AIN'T WANTED
HAND OVER THE PHOTOS, LADY, AN' WE WON'T HURT YOU TOO BAD!
NO!
THAT'S VICKI!

VK
CHOT
SPK
VICKI-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THEY DIDN'T HURT..?
NO. I..
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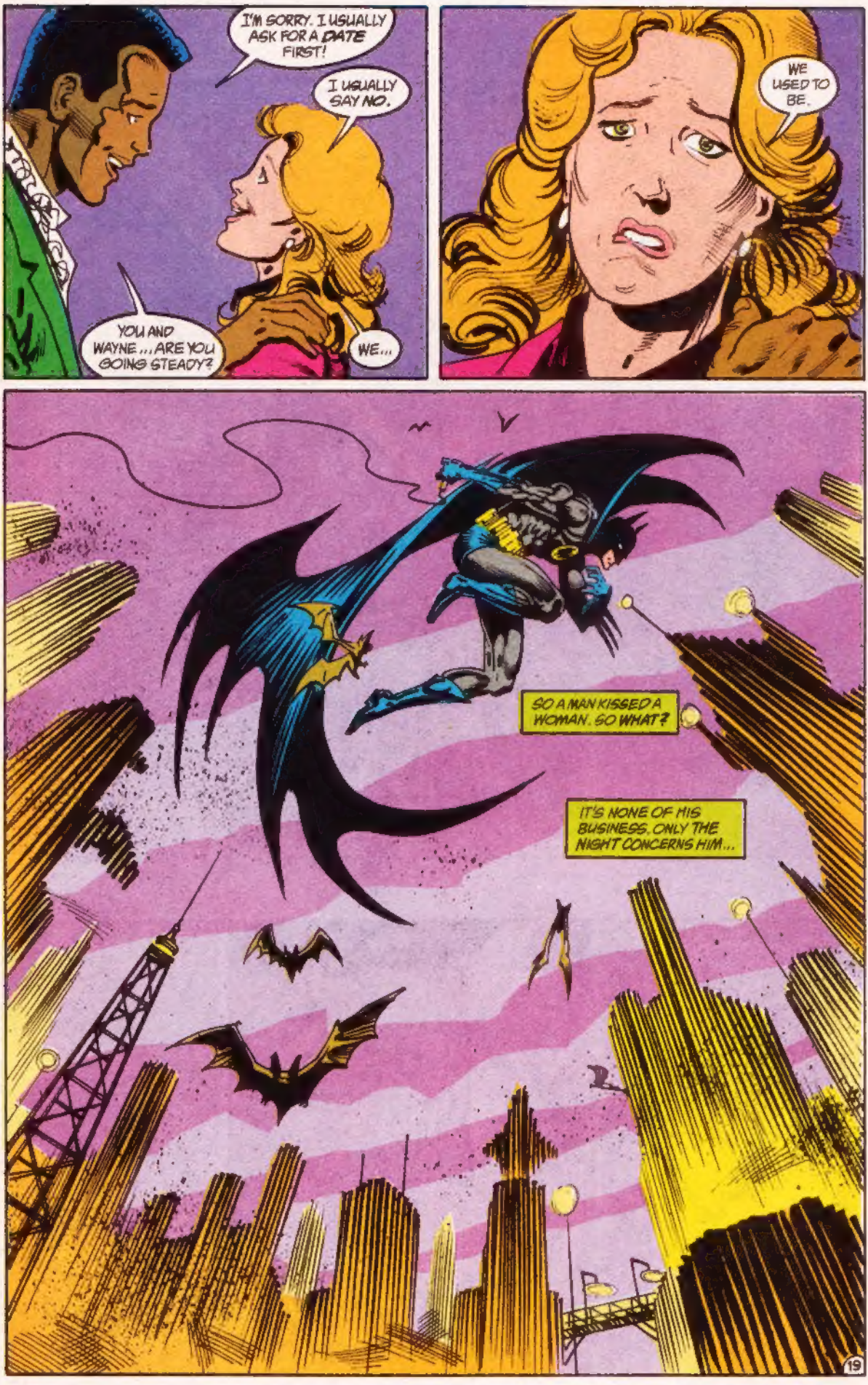
I'M SORRY. I USUALLY ASK FOR A DATE FIRST!
I USUALLY SAY NO.
YOU AND WAYNE...ARE YOU GOING STEADY?
WE...
WE USED TO BE.
SO A MAN KISSED A WOMAN. SO WHAT?
IT'S NONE OF MIS BUSINESS. ONLY THE NIGHT CONCERNS HIM...
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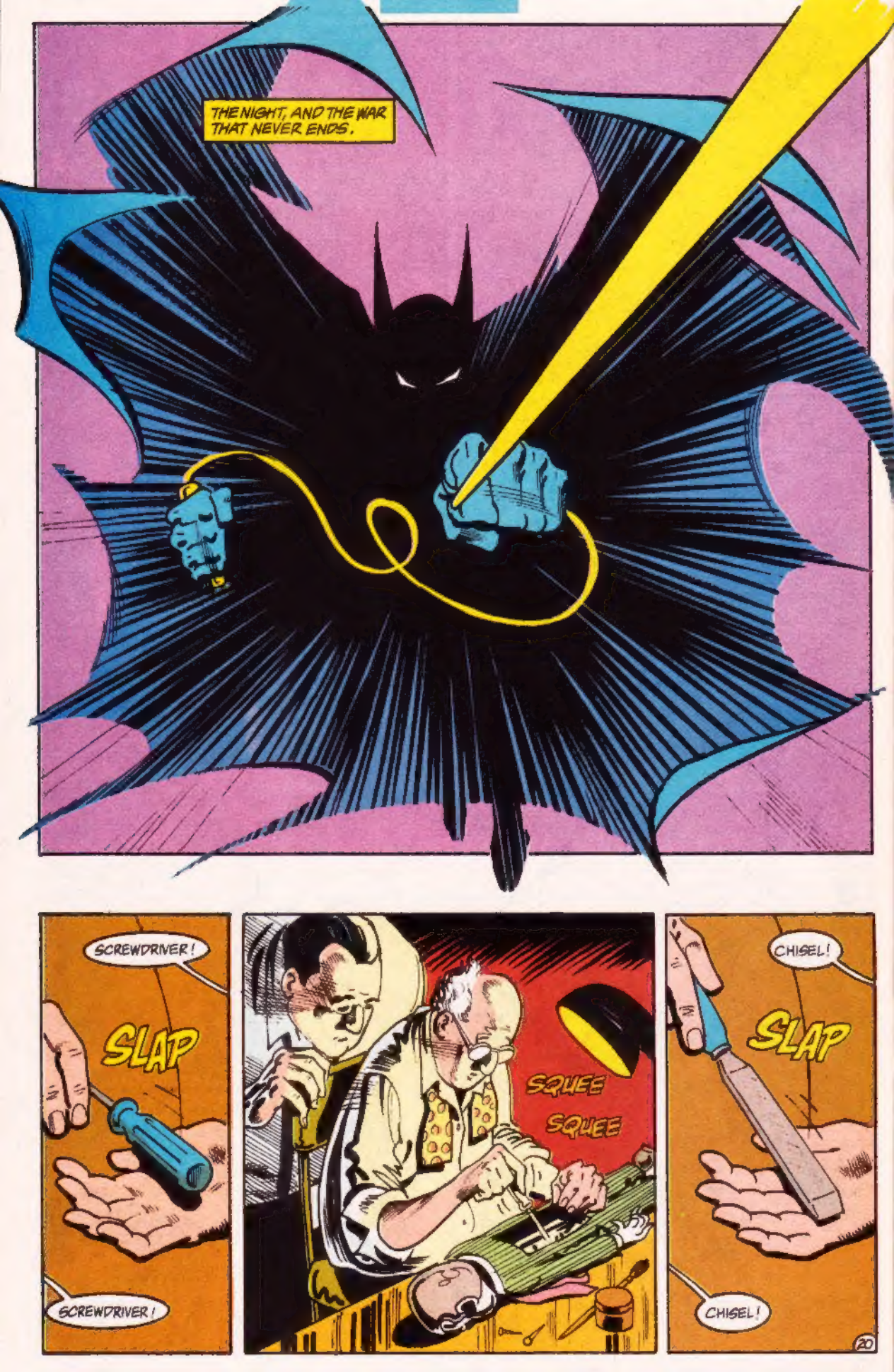
THE NIGHT, AND THE WAR THAT NEVER ENDS.
SCREWDRIVER!
SLAP
SCREWDRIVER!
SQUEE
SQUEE
CHISEL!
SLAP
CHISEL!
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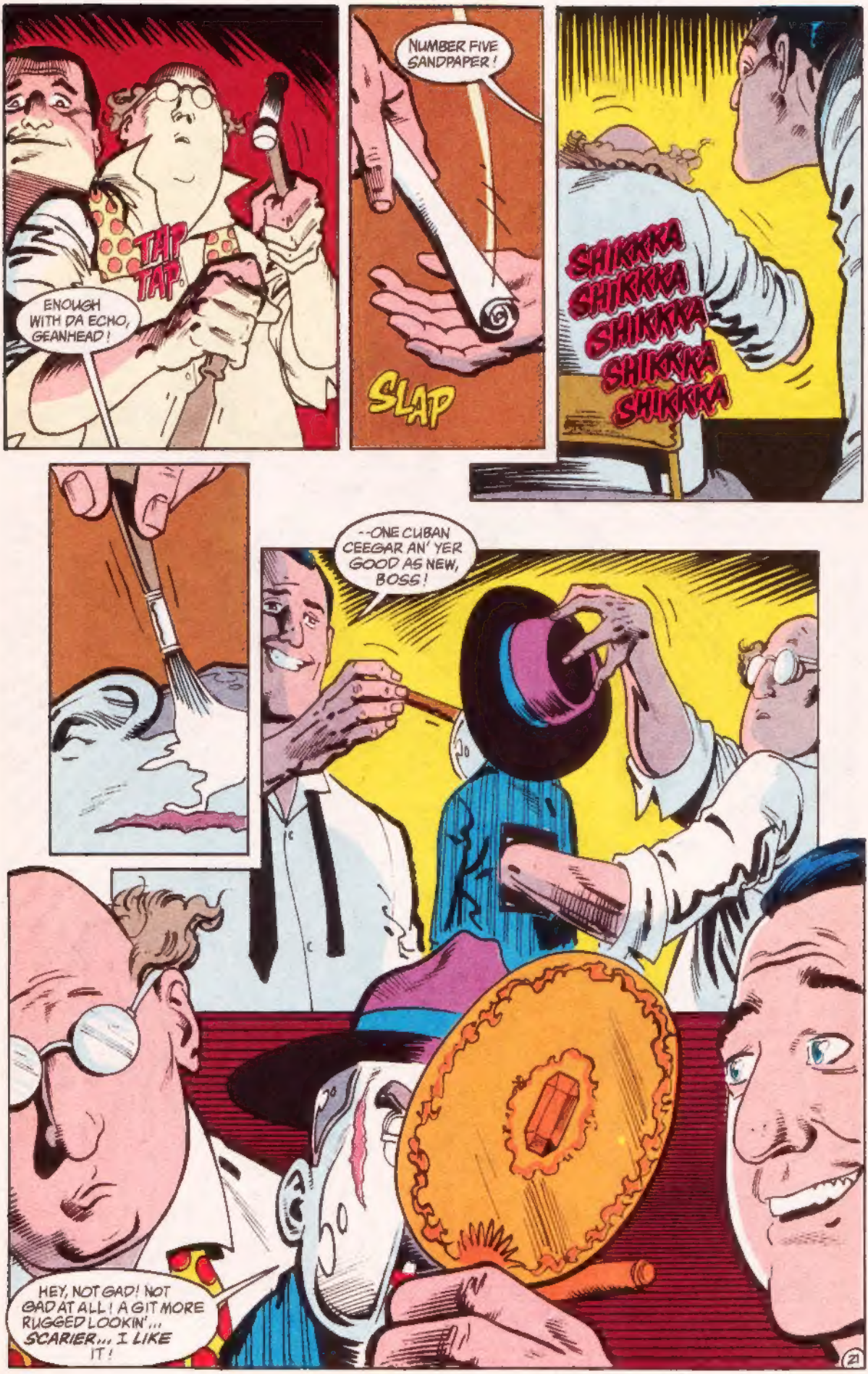
TAP TAP
ENOUGH WITH DA ECHO, GEANHEAD!
NUMBER FIVE SANDPAPER!
SLAP
SHIKKKA SHIKKKA SHIKKKA SHIKKKA SHIKKKA
--ONE CUBAN CEEGAR AN' YER GOOD AS NEW, BOSS!
HEY, NOT GAD! NOT GAD AT ALL! A GIT MORE RUGGED LOOKIN'... SCARIER... I LIKE IT!
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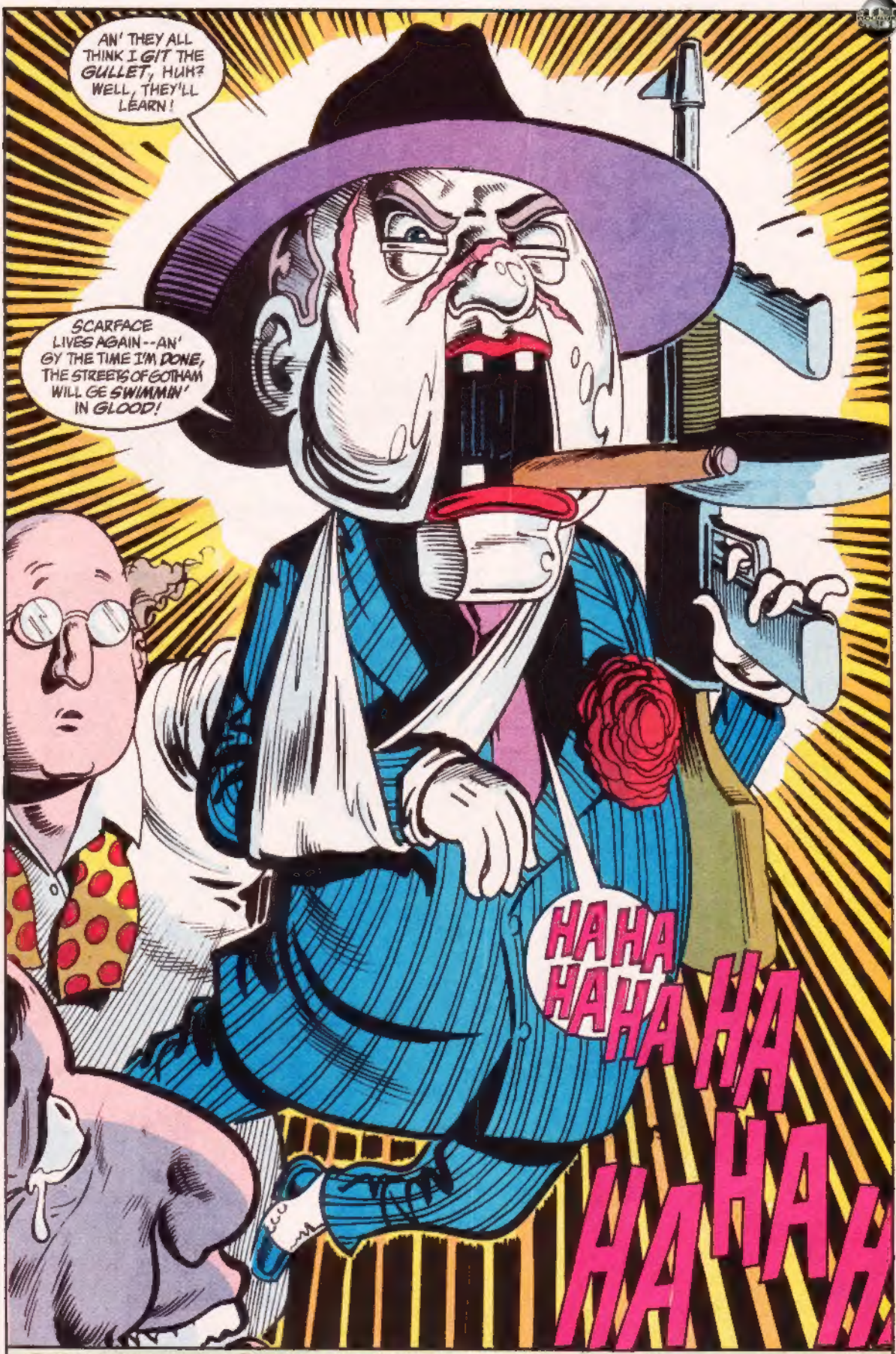
AN' THEY ALL THINK I GIT THE GULLET, HUH? WELL, THEY'LL LEARN!
SCARFACE LIVES AGAIN--AN' BY THE TIME I'M DONE, THE STREETS OF GOTHAM WILL BE SWIMMIN' IN BLOOD!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
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